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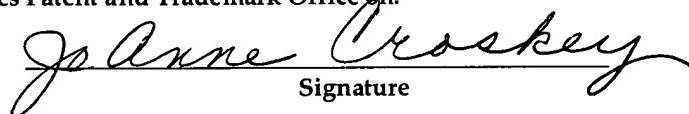
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Dear Sir:

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. The provisional election without traverse to prosecute invention I is affirmed. Claims 30-37 are withdrawn from further consideration. Claims 1-29 and 38-40 remain in the application. It is respectfully requested the Examiner reconsider the present application in view of the amendments herein.

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